

## **Christmas Basket Donation Drive**

Are you looking for a way for your family, work group, or other organization to give back this holiday season? As hundreds of families struggle to make ends meet in Madison County, you can make Christmas a time of celebration and wonder for children, families, and singles who may have no one else to provide for them in this special season.

Collections of 1-3 specific items are appreciated. <u>Please let us know which items you choose</u> to focus on so that we can plan accordingly. Most baskets will require 1 - 3 of each item depending on family size. Designated financial donations are also welcome.

We are thankful for all of your work to reach families and individuals in need this holiday season and throughout the year! With your help, OLM will provide Christmas baskets for over 250 families!

#### **Christmas Basket Food Items:**

Meat (half hams, whole chickens/turkeys) Canned Corn, Green Beans, Carrots Boxed Stuffing Instant Potatoes & Gravy Butter & Dinner Rolls Canned Fruit or Canned Cranberries Sugar or Brown Sugar Canned Yams & Marshmallows

# Christmas Basket Basic Need Items: Dish Soap Body Soap Toilet Tissue Socks Winter Hats Scarves & Gloves

New in box toys also accepted!

### Please call 765-644-2121 and speak with Andrea to reserve your desired collection items.

### **Donation Schedule:**

Nov. 25th: update us on estimates of how much you have of each item you have collected. Dec. 2nd: all financial commitments needed to finalize donation inventory/purchasing Dec 9th: all donations that are not being given directly to a family must be dropped off at Operation Love Ministries.

### Assembly and Distribution Schedule:

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – 7:30pm: baskets packed, toy inventory & shopping rooms set up Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> (9-11:30 and 1-3:30): toy inventory & setup throughout the week Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 12:00pm or 1:00pm – 4:00pm: Basket and toy shopping experience